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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



GIANT CHRISTMAS TREE Bursts of exploding firecrackers and colorful confetti bring drama to the night sky and excitement to spectators during the inaugural switch-on of lights decorating a giant Christmas tree at Araneta Center in Cubao, Quezon City.

Stop gold tax, BIR urged

'Biggest victims are small miners'

By Gil C. Cabacungan

FOUR LAWMAKERS are urging the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to suspend the tax on gold as it has drastically reduced the volume of the metal sold by small-scale producers to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

Officials and traders said the gold tax—made up of a 5-percent withholding tax and a 2-percent excise tax that the BIR started to enforce last year—was the biggest factor behind the spike in gold smuggling.

The 7-percent tax, usually borne by the traders, is imposed on gold sales to the BSP.

Gold smuggled out of the country, much of it going to China via Hong Kong, has resulted in a 95-percent drop in gold purchases by the central bank. Under the law, small miners should sell their gold to the central bank.

Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus

STOP/A21



WAR MEMORIAL Anita Peñaflor, 88, a woman veteran of World War II, walks along the Wall of the Missing, where names of fallen Filipino and US soldiers are recorded, on Veterans Day at the American cemetery in Taguig City.

Obama skips Philippines—again

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

FRESH on the heels of the re-election of US President Barack Obama, the White House announced that he would visit Burma (Myanmar) as his first foreign policy initiative at the start of a three-leg tour of Southeast Asia that covers Thailand and Cambodia on Nov. 17-20.

The itinerary excluded the Philippines, a longtime strategic security ally of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region.

The exclusion ruffled sensitive nationalist feelings in Manila, as officials anxiously waited for signals from the second Obama administration on what is in store for the Philippines in the reordering of US foreign policy priorities following the election.

The question that immediately emerged was: Why Burma, Thailand and Cambodia? These countries in Southeast Asia are the least threatened by the aggressive pursuit by China of its hegemonic claim of disputed territories in the West Philip-

OBAMA/A21

'TOXIC WASTE PHENOM'

Santiago suggests termination of VFA

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE PHILIPPINES should consider terminating its Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) with the United States because US military forces are the actual sources of hazardous waste being dumped in local waters, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago suggested yesterday.

Santiago offered the idea after noting that the new US military strategy of "pivoting" to Asia would mean "the ratified frequency of the visits of US aircraft carriers, nuclear-powered submarines and increased presence of US naval forces in the Philippines."

The way things would go, it could mean "the VFA [is] on the way to becoming by itself, a toxic waste phenomenon," she said.

A Malaysian contractor that siphons waste from US military vessels docked at Subic Bay in Zambales has caused furor after one of its vessels has been found to have dumped 189,000 liters of domestic waste and about 780 liters of bilge water (a combination of water, oil and grease) in Philippine waters in October.

The barge MT Glenn Guardian, owned by Malaysia's Glenn Defense Marine Asia,

SANTIAGO/A21



Not even the chief US spy can get away with it

WASHINGTON—Alexander Hamilton, Warren Harding, FDR, LBJ, Bill Clinton, Representatives Mark Souder, Chris Lee and Anthony Weiner, Senators Gary Hart, John Ensign and David Vitter. Maybe a first lady, Grace Coolidge. And now, David H. Petraeus.

There would seem to be nothing new about the weakness of otherwise powerful Washington figures in the face of temptation. But that is

NOT EVEN/A21

WHAT'S INSIDE

Right of reply, other issues stalk info bill

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE MOMENT of truth for the freedom of information (FOI) bill will come this week when it is finally put on the table at the committee level, but it would have to hurdle major issues first, such as the contentious right-of-reply provision that some lawmakers want to include.

The bill is being pushed to lift the shroud of secrecy over government transactions and data, in the name of transparency and good governance. Once it becomes law, the measure will provide the public with greater access to government records.

The technical working group reconciling the different versions of the FOI bill has left it to the committee on public information to determine whether or not the right of reply would be a feature of the proposed law, according to the committee chair, Rep. Ben Evardone.

"It's one of the major issues that we will hopefully be able to resolve," Evardone said yesterday.

The right of reply is a potential powder keg, with proponents of the FOI bill opposing it on the ground that it would undermine the media's editorial independence. They also want

RIGHT/A21

Drilon cites safety nets in sin tax bill

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE CONTROVERSIAL sin tax bill has enough safety nets to ensure that tobacco farmers will not be disadvantaged by higher taxes to be imposed on cigarettes and alcoholic products, Sen. Franklin Drilon said yesterday.

Drilon, acting chair of the Senate ways and means committee, gave this assurance as he appealed to colleagues to pass the measure by the end of

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UK 'excited' over trade with PH

By Tara Quismundo

LONDON—The Philippines is a "hugely exciting" market where the United Kingdom is keen on boosting reciprocal investment.

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Enjoys Brits' confidence

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'Asean is very important'

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Expand export capacity

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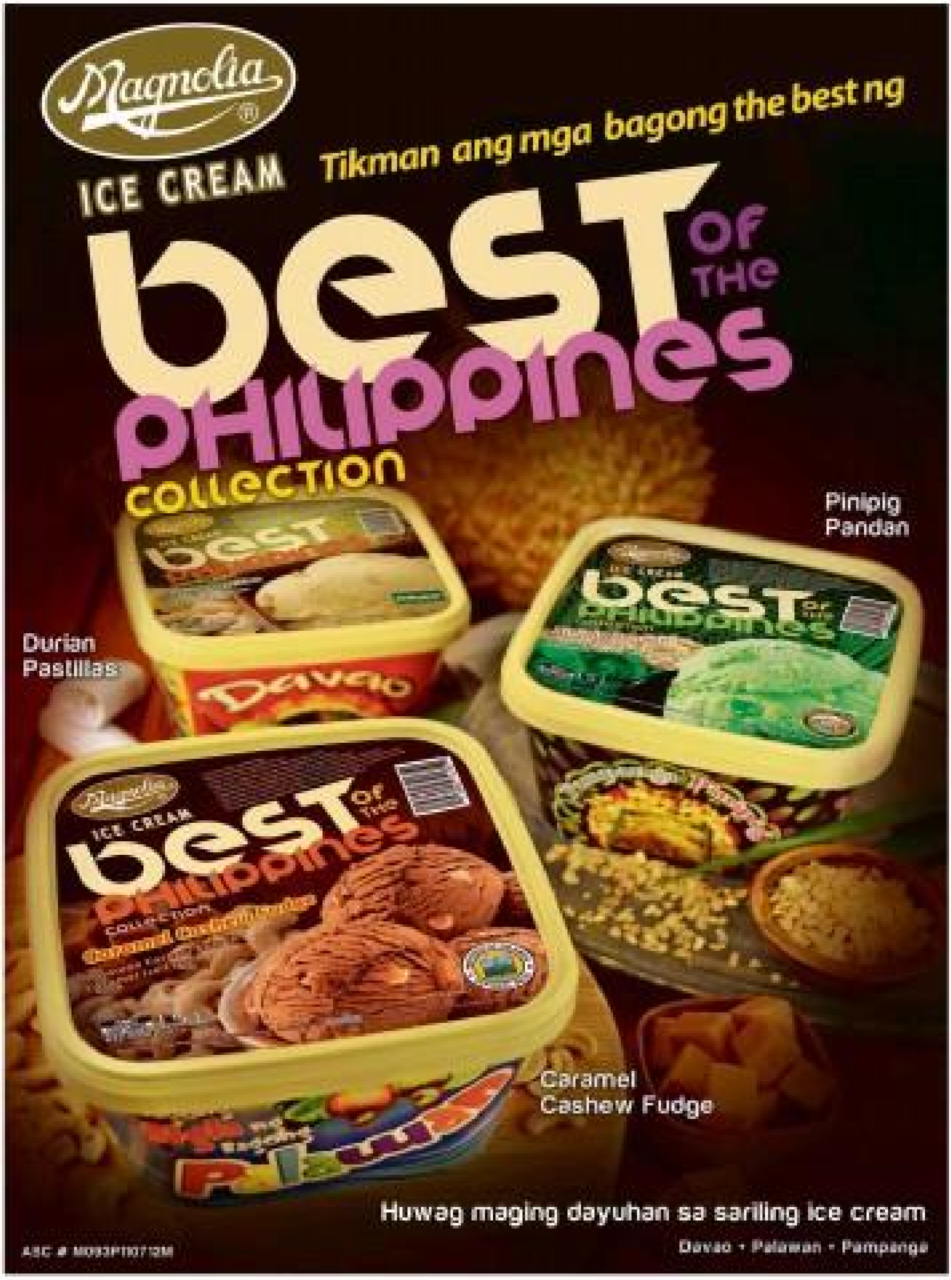
'Ties with Canada should include rights protection'

By Leila B. Salaverria and TJ Burgonio

THE FORGING of stronger ties between the Philippines and Canada should include a commitment to push for greater human rights protection in the country...

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DepEd exec gets 8 years for graft

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE SANDIGANBAYAN recently found a former Department of Education (DepEd) official guilty of graft in the overprice by P2.8 million of the cost of construction materials that were never delivered and labor that was not rendered for a school building in 1995.

The antigraft court sentenced former DepEd Region XI Director Venancio Nava to from six years and one month to eight years in prison and perpetual disqualification from public office.

The court also found Nava and Aguilina Granada, administrative officer and chair of the acceptance and inspection committee of the school building project, guilty of two other graft charges and sentenced them to the same penalty.

The charges against concerned Aldan Stanto and Napoleon Ramos, who died before the decision was handed down, were dismissed.

The other accused... Jose Bundeas, Antonio Gerola, Eddie Hinodigaly, Raul Medina, Rodel Valgaran and Jesus de la Cruz... remain at large.

Nava and Granada were ordered to return the P2.8 million to the government.







‘Rise in crime due to reporting, not failure of cops’

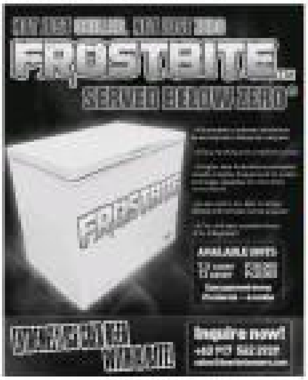
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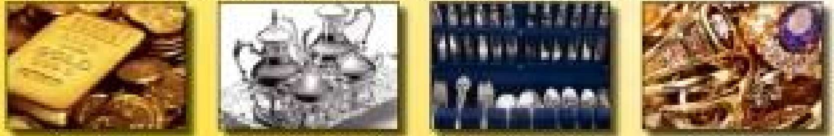


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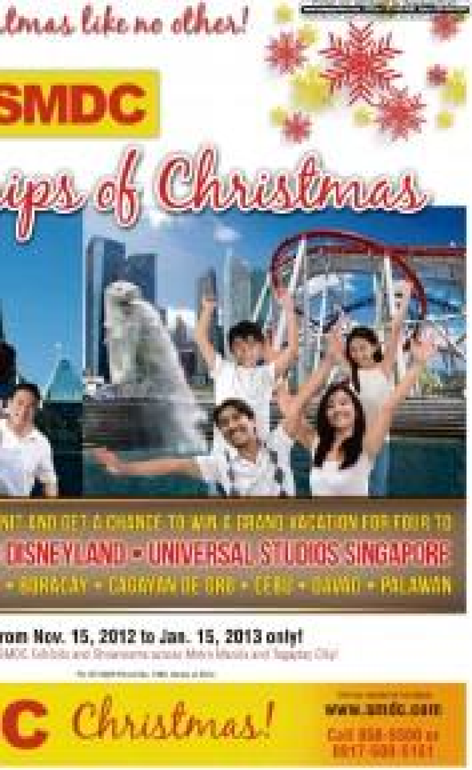









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Palace confident of sin tax bill approval

By TJ Burgonio

MALACAÑANG is confident that the Senate will approve by Nov. 19 the sin tax bill that would generate a minimum P40 billion in revenue and that Congress will pass a reconciled version before the end of the year.

With more senators agreeing in principle with the version and a broad sense of the public supporting it, the passage of the ...

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Public pressure

Reconciled bills

Real issue

Drilon cites safety nets in sin tax measure

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Graded increases

Deaths, costs

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Growers' threat

Iloilo airport launches int'l flights

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr. and Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—Business groups, officials and overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) welcomed the opening of international flights from and to the Iloilo International Airport on Friday as a boost to travel, tourism and trade in Western Visayas.

"This is a dream come true for the business sector. We have been pushing for this and we foresee an increase in revenues from the tourism industry," said Joe Marie [illegible], president of the Iloilo chapter of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He said the business sector, especially the hotel, restaurant and transport operators, has [illegible] efforts to enhance preparations for the expected increase in visitors.

"We have intensified our promotion efforts to attract more guests but the OFWs and their families are expected to significantly help in sustaining international travel from and to Iloilo," he said.

Flights

Budget carrier Cebu Pacific launched the Iloilo-Hong Kong flights on Nov. 9 and the Iloilo-Singapore route on Nov. 9.

The airline is flying direct to Hong Kong from Iloilo every Thursday and Sunday, and to and from Singapore every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The landing of the Cebu Pacific flight from Hong Kong on Friday morning was a first for Iloilo and Western Visayas since the Iloilo International Airport began operations in 2007.

Marie Lou [illegible], executive director of the Iloilo Business Club, said the opening of international flights is expected to bring in more investments especially in hotels and restaurants. It will also open potential markets for agriculture and manufacturing products of Western Visayas.

Trade

Noel Servigon, consul general of the Philippines in Hong Kong, said the direct flights would not only make travel time faster and cheaper between Iloilo and Hong Kong, these will also boost trade especially in the swift transport of mangoes and seafood from Panay Island to Hong Kong.

Servigon, who is from Iloilo, was among the 57 passengers on board the maiden flight from Hong Kong.

He said about 140,000 Filipinos live in Hong Kong, about 102,000 of them domestic workers.

OFW organizations also welcomed the direct international flights.

"If we miss our family, we can make a quick visit; everybody is very happy," said [illegible] Aspia, chair of [illegible] Association in Hong Kong.

Ilonggos are the second largest Filipino migrant group in Hong Kong next to Ilocanos, he said.

[illegible] Ortega, chair of Philippine Alliance in Hong Kong, said they would be able to promote Western Visayas further as a destination for Hong Kong visitors.

Candice Iyog, Cebu Pacific vice president for marketing and distribution, said the airline is optimistic that the Filipino inbound passengers will sustain the passenger traffic for the international flights.

She said Singapore's large expat community will also help sustain the passenger traffic.

Tourism

In Hong Kong, Philippine diplomats welcomed Cebu Pacific's inaugural flight between the Chinese territory and Iloilo City, saying the link would boost tourism and economic activities between the two cities.

Fifty-seven passengers, led by Servigon, took the two-hour and 25-minute flight to Iloilo, considered the gateway to Western Visayas, that left Hong Kong International Airport.

The passengers were primarily Filipino workers in Hong Kong as well as various leaders and members of the Filipino community whose hometown is Iloilo.

From January to September, [illegible] visitors from Hong Kong traveled to the Philippines. This figure represents a [illegible] percent growth rate from the same period in 2011.

Other products such as crab meat and raw cane sugar present many opportunities to boost trade. *With a report from [illegible] in Manila*



Across the NATION

Quezon taps poor in environment protection

Bishop urges help for scam victims

CEBU CITY—A retired teacher has fallen ill because of anxiety about the fate of the money she had invested in a firm that operated a "double-your-money" scheme.





Flood-hit Laguna community starts cleanup of clogged river

Villagers dumping trash

Still under water





UPLB TREE PLANTERS

Human rights group says AFP targeting farmers as rebels

Harassment



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Legal profession must also clean up its own backyard

Migrante hits Akbayan

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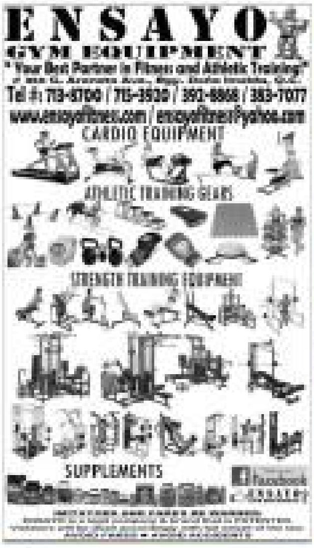
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Model's slay case unravels



- Burger receipt cracks murder mystery
- Victim's pal only wanted to give her 'a lesson'

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THROWN OUT LIKE A BAG The body of Julie Ann Rodelas, 20, was dumped from an SUV on a street in Cubao, Quezon City, in the morning of Nov. 6. Four suspects in the murder, including her friend and fellow model, were arrested during the weekend.

Burger receipt cracks murder mystery

By Julie M. Aurelio

IT WAS a mystery that began to unravel thanks to a small piece of paper—a McDonald's receipt which the dead Julie Ann "Jaja" Rodelas held in her left hand.





RODELAS

Cheeseburgers to go

Victim's pal only wanted to give her 'a lesson'

By Julie M. Aurelio

Munti fire displaces 400 families



EASY RIDERS

Cap over CCTV camera helps bag suspect in ₱18-M heist



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The WORLD

Memo to the powerful facing temptation: Dalliances harder to hide in digital age

US military's new focus on Asia gradually unfolds

Obama challenging China buildup

WASHINGTON—Last November, President Barack Obama stood before the Australian Parliament and issued a veiled challenge to China's ambitions in Asia: "As a Pacific nation, the United States will play a larger and long-term role in shaping this region and its future." A year later the details of his pledge—along with a nascent US military buildup in the Pacific—are emerging.



Israelis, Palestinians trade fire on Gaza border



Serving in prison suite, mass killer complains of inhuman conditions



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Syria anti-Assad coalition resists unification

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Globe Telecom International and Business Markets Head Gil Genio, Citibank NA Country Chief Officer Sanjiv Vohra, Bank of the Philippine Islands President and CEO Aurelio R. Montinola III, EIF Host Karen Davila, Zuellig Pharma Corporation Chief Executive Ray Azurin, Globe Telecom President and CEO Ernest Cu, EIF Keynote Speaker Robert Tucker, and Globe Business Enterprise Segments Head Grace Castillo

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The day-long gathering turned out to be the mecca for modern insights and strategies on innovation. This year's EIF 2012 took-off on a high note–quite literally–as top-level corporate executives gathered for the "CEO Breakfast Forum." Before a full-packed audience, Globe President & CEO Ernest Cu and Chairman Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala warmly welcomed participants, mentioning the numerous innovation initiatives by the company as well as its parent, the Ayala Group.

A high point of the event and a first in cutting-edge presentation was the introduction to the plenary by Globe Business Head of Enterprise Segments Grace Castillo in spectacular fashion, deftly executed with holographic representations of herself, which drew applauses and raves from the audience.

World-renowned innovation guru and bestselling author Robert Tucker gave a riveting talk on innovation and how it can positively impact organizations, stressing that "In today's hypercompetitive world, innovation will be much more than new technology as well as research and development, but should rather become 'everybody's business.' Fortunately, we have the EIF 2012 to unleash innovation further from each and every one of us here."



A discussion distilled through an interactive discourse with some of the highest-ranking and most respected executives in the land also transpired on the topic, "How Innovation Drives the Business Landscape," with Bank of the Philippine Islands' President & CEO Aurelio Montinola III, Citibank Country Officer Sanjiv Vohra and Zuellig Pharma Corp. Chief Executive Raymond Azurin along with Cu and Tucker on hand. Head of Globe Business Jesus Romero Uliwotse provided a run-through of the current status of the on-going network transformation, saying that the "brand new Globe network is almost 60 percent done and will benefit companies and enterprises being served by Globe Business."

Breakout sessions featured topics on mobility, networking and connectivity, collaboration, vertical solutions involving healthcare as well as business tools on analytics and office applications such as payroll, showcased by veritable presenters and speakers from their respective industries. New ICT services and solutions were also introduced, displaying the current array of Globe Business to enhance corporate as well as small-and-medium enterprise operations. The 2012 EIF was also simulcast via live telecast to more than 100 business leaders in Cebu and Davao.

Indeed, the EIF lived up to its billing as the "most anticipated and exclusive business event of the year," which drew close to 500 key business executives and top corporate officials from all over the country, easily topping the attendance of the 2010 and 2011 editions. The annual event powered by Globe Business was also ably-backed up by its corporate partners SingTel, MIS Net, F5, Samsung Electronics Philippines, Research in Motion, Trends and Technologies, Avaya, DCI, Tellabs and Hewlett Packard.





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JAMUS Lucaps of Big Chill (right) tries to avoid Kevin Ferrer of Blackwater Sports in a recent match. Big Chill won, 74-63.

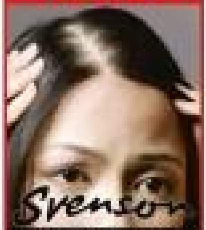
Bakers seek tie for lead versus Rising Suns today

By Jasmine W. Payo

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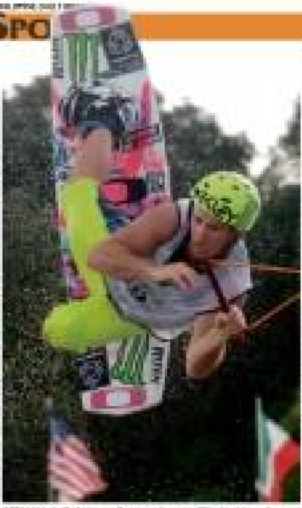
Fabulous Frankie returns to local Tour

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Germans sink w'board rivals



Vietnam-born Le knocks out Franklin in first round

Five Korea Open golds for Filipino jins



Cubs trounce Squires, gain PSSBC q'finals

De Leon, Tan bag Senior Masters titles



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Fore By Four Invt'l stakes 2 Toyota Vios

Woodrose, DLSZ, Ateneo ballers rule

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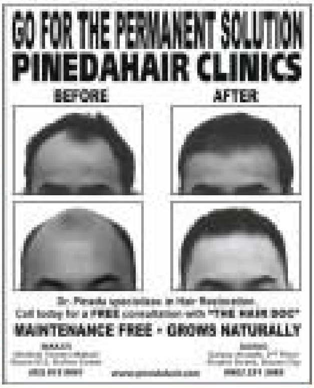
Echauz, fighting sisters wow 'em



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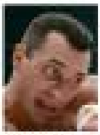
Zambo City bags title







Klitschko keeps super h'weight belts



KLITSCHKO



Pierce, Celtics hold off Bucks

ALASKA FOOTBALL CUP

AFS captures men's Open crown

By Jasmine W. Payo



Del Potro vs Djokovic in World Tour semis



DEL POTRO



Bautista cops first Retro Touring title

PH junior karatekas bag 16 gold medals





PGBDA Stagfighter race resumes at Pasay today

DRIVEN BY PASSION.





When players are out in the green, only three things matter most—accuracy, precision, and passion. Just about anyone can possess the first two, but the one characteristic that differentiates those who realize their vision first is passion. To win a game of golf takes more than just perfecting a set of skills. It takes determination to keep moving forward ahead of everyone else.

It was at the BMW Golf Cup International 2012 that three individuals exhibited unrelenting passion that led them to win the game. Their passion determined their performance which Maricar Parco, President of Asian Carmakers Corporation, described as the exact characteristic that the BMW brand possesses. And this is why "BMW is one of the world's great supporters of golf," she remarked.

Around 100 participants went out to prove themselves on the green. The competition followed the Modified Stableford format, featuring three divisions: Men's Class A, Men's Class B, and Ladies'.

For Glen Dasig, Executive Director for Sales & Marketing, "This is BMW's way of thanking our customers for making us the number one brand in the Philippines in the premium luxury segment for nine consecutive years—by providing them a world-class golfing experience. This is made possible with the support of our partners, Singapore Airlines, Mizuno, Bowers & Wilkins, Braun and Powerade."

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Men's Class B Division
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Emmanuel Bernabe – Second place
Noli Gusi – Third place

Ladies' Division
Leonore Bantug – Champion
Eleanor Leung – Second place
Joy Delorbi – Third place



Winners of the Men's Class A Division with Maricar Parco, ACC President and Glen Dasig, Executive Director for Sales & Marketing



Winners of the Men's Class B Division



Winners of the Ladies' Division



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$500M worth of 10.5-year paper

THE BUREAU of the Treasury will auction on Nov. 28 to domestic investors some $500 million worth of 10.5-year bonds.

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Stocks seen testing record highs

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well as a standing offer to buy back outstanding dollar bonds. The government is inviting bondholders to exchange their securities for new issues. The invitation is good until the close of business hours in New York on Nov. 15.

Out of $11.7 billion worth of outstanding Philippine government bonds that are eligible for buyback, the government "wants to retire up to $1.5 billion.



SM group earmarks ₱7B for hotel expansion plan

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All of these expectations are met in the PLDT Cloud, formally launched last week at the NBC Tent in the Fort, Global City. It was a thoroughly entertaining affair, immersing attendees from the corporate and entrepreneurial sectors in a virtual airplane ride into the clouds complete with takeoff and cruising effects, as well as statuesque "flight attendants".

Stepping into a "virtualized" video presentation were the "flight captains" of the evening, PLDT VP and Head of PLDT ALPHA Enterprise and SMART Enterprise Sales and Marketing Head Jerry Hernandez, and PLDT VP and Head of PLDT SME Nation Kat Luna-Abelarde, piloting the audience through several key advantages for early cloud adopters.

Business Goes Better on Virtual Machines

One of the exciting possibilities available for them is to operate "virtual machines" on the cloud, through computing power supplied on demand to handle business needs.

"Businesses that invest huge amounts into physical hardware later find that most of this capacity is underutilized or wasted," said Mrs. Luna-Abelarde. "Perhaps the best example of how a virtual machine beats a physical machine is in handling seasonal demand, such as in a catering business which experiences peak and low seasons."

"Virtual machines on the cloud are much more versatile and flexible. They can be stretched, apportioned and optimized," said Mr. Hernandez. "They can grow and expand together with your business needs with no idle time or unused capacity. You don't have to pay for anything you are not actually using."

As a business grows into a large multi-branched enterprise, more virtual machines are utilized to run applications such as CRM, ERP, or Point of Sale across these branches. These virtual machines now begin to function like the business' very own "virtual data center".

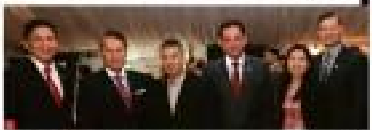
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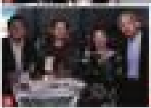
SVP and Head of Enterprise and International & Carrier Business for PLDT and SMART Eric R. Alberto was enthusiastic about the landmark launch. "Our enterprise customers can now easily deploy revolutionary IT initiatives on top of PLDT's best-in-class cloud infrastructure. Our cloud offers a secure virtual IT environment that can host companies' business applications, at a fraction of the cost of traditional physical server stacks," he said. "Our dedicated investments and fusion of fiber, brick and mortars and machines these past several months, culminates with this PLDT Cloud launching. We are your trusted enabler, and this is your Enterprise-Grade Computing Power on Demand."

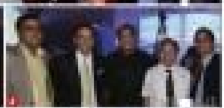
President and CEO of PLDT & SMART Napoleon Nazareno cited PLDT's P 67 Billion network modernization program over and above existing billion-peso investments continuing until 2015 to "super charge" and "future proof" the network.

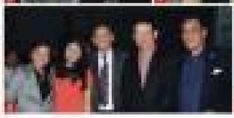
"We have arrived at an inflection point for enterprise cloud services," he said. "Cloud services are no longer just an option. It has become a business need and to meet this need, we have built PLDT Cloud, the country's biggest and strongest cloud service."

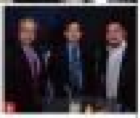












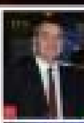


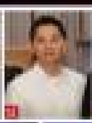


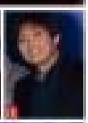


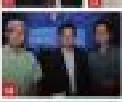








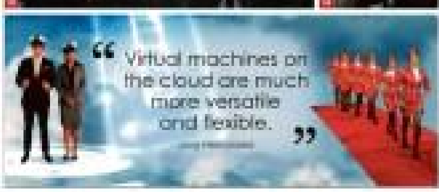




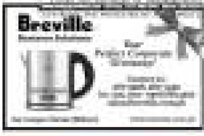


"We have arrived at an inflection point."











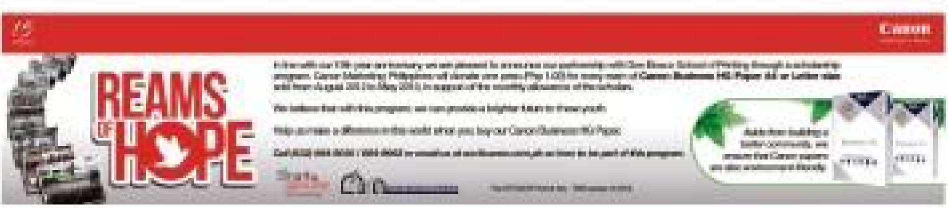
PSALM preparing to bid out 5 power contracts

First two IPPA deals to be auctioned off in 2014

By Amy R. Remo

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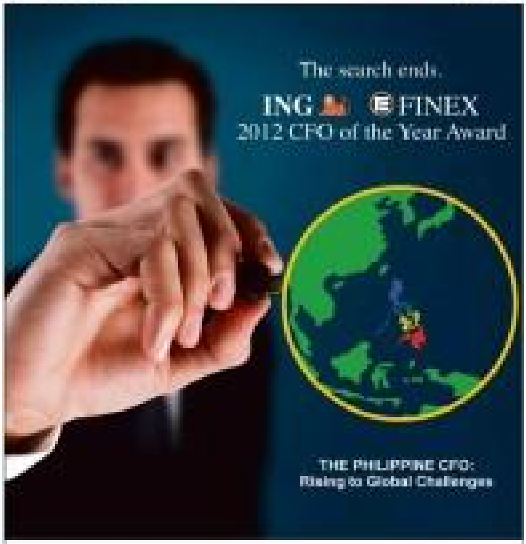
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BUSINESS *Monday*



P&A bridges theory, practice in accountancy

THE AVERAGE FIlipino often sees the accountancy and auditing industry as an unexciting place to be, but to hear practitioners talk about what they do, it seems there's always something new going on.

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MAPping THE FUTURE



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Meralco to spread collection of additional fees

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CANDICE Adea

Helsinki sensation leaves PH; debuts as Hong Kong Ballet soloist

Adieu to yet another world-class achiever. See you on Youtube, Candice!

By Tats Rejante Manahan
Contributor

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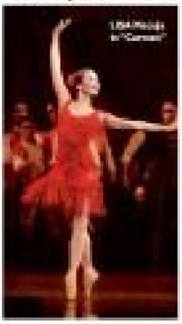
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Lisa Macuja says farewell to Kitri, Giselle and Carmen



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Live orchestral music

Helsinki sensation Candice Adea leaves PH ...



Road to Hamburg

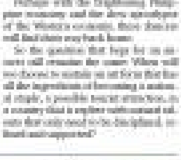
Not alone

International acceptance

Dance lineage

American Act of Congress acoustic band performs, interacts with local bands







Filfest presents 'Rock Symphonies'

IN THE PAST years, several classically trained musicians such as violinists Vanessa Mae and David Garrett, pianist Maksim, and the all-female string quartet Bond have successfully bridged the erstwhile disparate genre of classical and popular music through their unique arrangement and performance practice.

Filfest Cultural Foundation and Sandra with PBBY and San Miguel Corporation join the worldwide craze by presenting "Rock Symphonies" featuring violinist Joseph Bi... [illegible] and the Manila Symphony Orchestra (MSO) under the baton of Arturo Molina on Nov. 17, 8 p.m., at the Insular Life Auditorium in Filinvest, Alabang.

Classical masterworks by [illegible], Brahms, Vivaldi and De Banne will be heard side by side crossover renditions popularized by violinist David Garrett such as "He's Pirate," "Michael Jackson Medley" and "Mission Impossible."

Hailing from Talisay City, Cebu, [illegible] is one of the new rising violin virtuosos in the country. He started violin lessons with Jeffrey Solares under scholarship from the Cebu Youth Symphony Orchestra Development Program in 1997.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree at the St. Scholastica's College under Molina. He has been a consistent prizewinner at the solo violin category of the National Music Competitions for Young Artists (Namcya). He also performed as a soloist and orchestra player in Taiwan, Sydney and Thailand. He has participated in the Southeast Asian Youth Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, where he was a former concertmaster.

He is an active chamber musician, playing the first violin as a member of the Quartetto Esperanza, the first place-winning ensemble in the Namcya 2008 Chamber Music Competitions. At present, he teaches violin at the St. Scholastica's College and is a first violinist of the MSO.

As a soloist he performs the violin concertos of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Sarasate, Bach, Wieniawski and Sibelius.

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Bayanihan tours US, Canada

BAYANIHAN, THE national dance company of the Philippines, is touring the United States and Canada.

The multiawarded dance company received a standing ovation for their performances at the Lincoln Center in New York and Kennedy Center in Washington DC.

Bayanihan's performances in the US were upon the invitation of the newly launched US-Philippines Society in Washington, DC, with the support of the Philippine Embassy in the US led by Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia Jr.

There were two performances at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater, a gala and a matinee with a repertoire that thrilled audiences anew.

Bayanihan's production consisted of five suites that showcased the influences of indigenous, Chinese, Spanish and Islamic cultures on Philippine life.

"People Under the Sun" captured the friendly sunny nature of Filipino country folk. The Arabian and Indo-Malayan influences from the Arabs and Indo-Malayan peoples that inhabited Mindanao as early as the 14th century were presented in Mindanao.

"Sentiments of History" showcased the Spanish influence in Philippine dance. As a tribute to the Philippines' first National Artist Francisco Asuncion, Bayanihan performed a suite called "Asuncion."

"Traditions Renewed," meanwhile, breathed new life, meaning and feeling into ancient rituals in the highlands of Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago.

Bayanihan is the first Filipino group to perform on Broadway in 1958. It also has the distinction of being the first non-American dance company to take to the stage at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, as well as the first Philippine cultural group to perform in Russia, the People's Republic of China and throughout South America.

American Act of Congress acoustic . . .

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After a crowd-pleasing session, the friends were made to perform again, showcasing what they learned with very much difference and appreciated by everyone.

The musicians profusely thanked the AOC members for their tutelage. Tommy Reyes of the White Rain band expressed appreciation of AOC's wonderful mission of sharing with them their expertise. He expressed the hope AOC "will come back soon."

The sessions undoubtedly were productive. The opportunity was, indeed, a rare one, truly a proven vehicle not only for learning and interacting between Filipino and American but also for fostering mutual understanding.



"ROCK Symphonies" is on Nov. 17, 8 p.m., at the Insular Life Auditorium in Filinvest, Alabang.





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Memory Museum to memorialize martial law, conserve Edsa heritage

By Alyssha J. Robillos
Contributor

IN HIS "Remembering Abang-gan: A History of Stories," historian Richard White wrote: "History forges weapons from what memory has suppressed or forgotten."

With the 40th anniversary of the declaration of martial law this year has arisen a movement that promotes the "Edsa brand" of activism and pushes the realization of a Memory Museum that would highlight the People Power Revolution of 1986 and events that led up to it.

"It has been said that those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it," said Presidential Communications Operations Office secretary Herminio Coloma on behalf of Vice President Jejomar Binay during the Edsa '86 Memory Museum roundtable discussion recently.

"With our own Memory Museum, it is my hope that future generations will not only recognize the heroism and sacrifice of nameless Filipinos who suffered torture, indignity and death so we may live in freedom. My fervent wish is that they begin to value, cherish and protect the freedom that they now enjoy and often seem to take for granted."

The Office of the Vice President (OVP) is one of the main proponents of the museum project, alongside the Edsa People Power Commission (EPPC) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

The forum opened the dialogue between members of the offices and guest speakers who had participated in establishing places for recalling turning points in their respective countries' histories similar to the Philippines' martial law and the Edsa Revolution.



COMMISSIONERS Anton Mari Lim, Filipino Kilajim, Emily Abrera, and Cesar Sarino (back row) present a certificate to one of the People Power provincial councils during the workshop.

International lecturers

Patricia Tappatá Valdez shared her insights on the conception of the Parque de la Memoria and Monumento a las Víctimas del Terrorismo de Estado (Memorial Park and Monument to the Victims of State Terrorism) in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Lelia Pérez Valdez showed how Chile created the Parque por la Paz Villa Grimaldi (Villa Grimaldi Peace Park) and an educational module for students who visited the site in Santiago.

Anthropologist María Eugenia Ulfe talked about the development of Peru's Place of Memory, a venue for remembering the "period of the internal armed conflict" in her country.

"The roundtable conference on the Edsa '86 Memory Museum is the first step we have taken toward realizing the dream," said the EPPC.

The three lecturers provided helpful strategies and ideas on how the Philippines could come up with its own museum. They pointed out the challenges of raising funds and ensuring the museum's sustainability.

The Edsa '86 Memory Museum is proposed to be the country's epicenter for showcasing key events and players from the martial law declaration up to the 1986 People Power Revolution. One of its main purposes is to bridge the gap between the generation that experienced martial law and those who merely learned about it second-hand.

Beyond Edsa

To supplement the initiation of the museum project, EPPC also organized the Provincial Councils Sandiwaan Workshop recently.

The event served as a gathering of existing People Power Provincial Councils, where members of all ages considered what the entire commission stood for and what they would still be developing over the next few years.

"The Spirit of People Power should go beyond Edsa. This is why we have the councils. This has to be lived every day," EPPC executive director Marie Montelibano said. "Let it be not an unfinished revolution."

EPPC commissioner Cesar Sarino, who firmly believes in "bringing back the original character of the Filipino," said Edsa brought out the best in the Filipino people and "is not appreciated as it should be."



RESOURCE speakers Patricia María Tappatá Valdez (Argentina), María Eugenia Ulfe (Peru) and Lelia Matilde Pérez Valdez (Chile), with commissioner Emily Abrera during the roundtable discussion on Edsa '86 Memory Museum at the NHCP Conference Hall



EPPC executive director Marie Montelibano urges the audience to continue what the People Power Revolution started

Sarino said the provincial councils made EPPC's nationwide network and would be key to mobilizing major projects such as the Museum. He spearheaded the formation of the provincial councils and is now aiming for representation from every province in the country.

Provincial councils that joined the Sandiwaan workshop were from Baguio, Pampanga, NCR, Naga City and Camarines Sur, Albay, Leyte, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Davao and Zamboanga.

"Places of memory"

EPPC commissioner Emily Abrera said the NHCP was already working on the next step, which involved "conducting training for collecting and documenting" such as formal interviewing and standardized retrieval.

EPPC is preparing recommendations for "places of memory," which are supposed prominent sites during martial law and People Power.

Aside from the museum, EPPC is also planning on putting up memory markers in these "places of memory" to commemorate martial law's everyday heroes and to endorse the Memory Museum.

To foster knowledge of martial law and the Edsa Revolution, the EPPC is planning to publish children's books on the subjects.

In the context of White's statement, fulfilling the Edsa '86 Memory Museum and memory markers may become weapons against forgetfulness and future threats against democracy.



EAP CHAIR Marivel Mari-Gubang (seated, left) with fellow members of Euro-Asian Philippines International Filipino Artists Philippines, Inc.

Euro-Asian Philippines: Mixing art with heart

JACKIE MAUERSBERGER of Gallery M, with Marivel Mari-Gubang, formed Euro-Asian Philippines International Filipino Artists Philippines, Inc. (EAP) last June.

EAP is the first international fine-arts society in the Philippines. The group aims to promote Filipino artists and provide them opportunities to make a professional international art career, to provide resources for and guidance to artists through art consultancy and coaching, to provide Filipino artists with an opportunity to learn, apply and display new artistic skills and techniques to help create a significant change on the Philippine art scene.

EAP roster includes CEO/founder Jackie Mauersberger of Gallery M, cofounder/chair Marivel Mari-Gubang, cofounders Helen Reyes-Ramos and Emile Tan; visual artists/sculptors Mendez R. Arandilla, Ramon Lata Jose, Leah Bandonill, Mark Anthony Bello, Bubay Buenaventura, Gaelen Balo-han, Anito Nicholas Golipino, Leonardo Nolasco, Marilio Gapas, Gerry de Guzman, Lourdes Romano, Julius Lagunjit, Carlos Lopez, Noel Misleban, Olivinel Neri, Roel R. Pascual, Sam Penaso, Kim Arturo Pili, Noel Rosales, Rodolfo Salazar, Jhappey Salcedo, Ric Sanchez and Angelica Jill Villanueva.

Recently EAP joined Jeepney Arts Festival at SM Mall of Asia, a fund-raising activity.

EAP has launched its online art auction, "Art to Heart." Proceeds from the auction will be used in the feeding program and gift-giving projects that will benefit the homeless this Christmas.

An artist may donate his or her artwork—sculpture, painting, photograph, poster, giclee, etc.—and send the image/s with details and curriculum vitae to [illegible]. All artworks remain the property of the artists until sold. Bidding starts at [illegible].

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EAP ARTISTS place the finishing touches on the Gallery M EAP Jeep during the Jeepney Arts Festival at SM Mall of Asia.

Artists join Bravehearts' auction to raise funds for anti-cervical-cancer campaign

CERVICAL CANCER has become the second most common female cancer worldwide, with half a million new cases and 250,000 deaths reported each year. In the Philippines, more than 7,000 new cases are being reported, and everyday, 12 Filipinos die because of it.

Bravehearts Coalition of the Philippines, a nonprofit organization working to raise awareness on cervical cancer, will host the Bravehearts Heroes Ball, a fundraising cocktail soiree on Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Garden Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel.

Bravehearts, under the leadership of Angelo Armas de Leon, has tapped some of the country's most talented artists to join the cause through the creation of art pieces, which will be featured in an exhibit curated by Jerome Sanford, photographer Jun de Leon, and auctioned at the ball.

Participating artists include April Santa Maria, Gary Santiago, Frank Hernandez, Jake Versoza, Jason and Nikki Buenaobra, Ivan Fresnoza, Jun de Leon, Kyle Fedilla, Mark Nebrao, Miller Arroyo Gonzales, Noy Nebreohan, Paolo Pineda, Raymond Isaac, Ronnie Salvacion, Sara Black, Tecum Ancheta, Tita and Miguel de Leon, Wesley Valenzo and Wig Tysmans.

For inquiries, call Robyn Pigao at tel. [illegible] or e-mail [illegible].







BY SARA Black, at right, above, by Jason and Nikki Buenaobra; at right, by Raymond Isaac

VISUAL ARTS

Lindsloo et al. at Anna

"Populous" group show runs until Nov. 20 at Galerie Anna (3/F Artwork, 42, Rivfel sig E, SM Megamall, Edsa, Mandaluyong). It features works by Christian Tamondong, JP Dalman, Marcel Nuda, Sam Penaso, Lindsloo, Jojo Austria and Glenn Cagandahan.



"INFLUENCE from an Emotional Idea," by Lindsloo

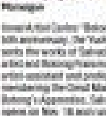
Also at Galerie Anna is "Life Without Meaning," ongoing until Nov. 22. It features Vincent Padilla's paintings evolved from the curiosity as an artist to tackle visual representations that are being dragged by translation, specifically the four corners of the working space.



"GREATEST Masters," by Vincent Padilla

Celeridad, Marasigan at Artes Orientes

"Parables," a joint show by Pam Celeridad and Alfred Marasigan, opens on Nov. 16 at Artes Orientes LF1, Shops at Serendra, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig (tel. [illegible]). It runs until Nov. 27.



"THE CANONIZATION of Bhama," by Alfred Marasigan

'Botong' assistant Juban at Yuchengco Museum

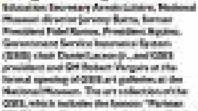
In celebration of National Artist Carlos "Botong" Francisco's 100th birth anniversary, The Yuchengco Museum presents the works of Salvador Juban, Angono artist and Botong Francisco's longest-serving artist-assistant and protégé, in the exhibit "Remembering the Great Master: Works by Botong's Apprentice, Salvador Juban." It opens on Nov. 16 and runs until Jan. 7 at Yuchengco Museum (RCBC Plaza corner Ayala Ave. and Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati; tel. [illegible]). Juban's works [illegible] and a more spontaneous approach. He paints similar subjects, such as fiestas featuring the Virgin Mary and other folk games, such as helping Juban was also an assistant to National Artist Vicente Manansala in his murals for the Philippine Heart Center and [illegible].

Angono artist Solis at Finale

At Finale Art File are simultaneous solo exhibitions by Jonathan Ching, Mona Santos and Noel Solis.

At Sift Gallery is Ching's "In the Space Between Raindrops," oil paintings on canvas and copper. At the Upstairs Gallery is "Transition," paintings by Mona Santos depicting blooms. The Video Room features "Celestial," by Solis, an Angono-based artist.

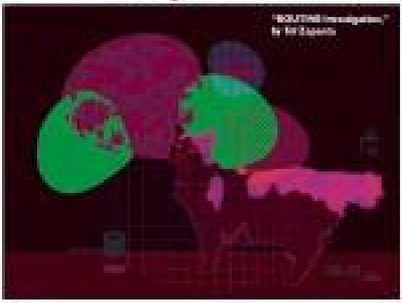
All shows run until Nov. 30 at Finale Art File (Warehouse 17, La Fuerza, 2241 Chino Roces Ave., Makati City; tel. [illegible], e-mail [illegible]).



GSIS galleries inaugurated

Education Secretary Armin Luistro, National Museum director Jeremy Barns, former President Fidel Ramos, President Aquino, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) chair Daniel Lacson Jr., and GSIS president and GM Robert Vergara at the formal opening of GSIS art galleries at the National Museum. The art collection of the GSIS, which includes the famous "Parisian Life," by Juan Luna, can now be viewed by the public at the National Museum (open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.). The new GSIS Wing covers Galleries XXX, XXXI and XXXII on the third floor.







Art for the animals

Exhibit hopes to raise money for Compassion and Responsibility for Animals

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Artists for a cause







With exclusive tickets to the hottest DJ parties

THE RUSH IS ON FOR TATTOO BLACK!

THE wait is over. After the jaw-dropping launch of Tattoo Black, described as the future of broadband technology, Makati residents are now rushing to grab their own Tattoo Black devices, powered by the 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) technology of Globe that boasts of the fastest speeds and premium service.

Pumping up the excitement even more, Tattoo Black is giving away exclusive VIP passes to the hottest parties featuring world-class DJs such as R3hab, Porter Robinson and Grammy-nominated DJ record-producer Dirty South for every Tattoo Black subscription.

"Tattoo Black is the best in its class. Nothing comes close to the speed and premium service that it offers. Tattoo Black deserves a celebration that features equally world class acts such as these internationally-renowned DJs who rock the international party scenes," explains Dong Ronquillo, Head of Tattoo Nomadic Broadband.

Subscribers may choose from two plans to experience the speed and premium service of Tattoo Black. Plan 1799 comes with a free Tattoo LTE stick that runs to speeds of up to 28 Mbps. It also comes with a dedicated hotline, priority servicing in stores and a host of perks and privileges. Depending on the subscriber's lifestyle, Plan 1799 is upgradeable in terms of speed, device and service.

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As part of its exclusive treat, new Tattoo Black Plan 1799 subscribers get 2 tickets to the sizzling December 5 Republiq parties of top international DJs R3Hab, one of the proponents of the modern "dutch house" subgenre and Porter Robinson, a cult sensation for his chart-topping electrohouse mixes.

Tattoo Black Plan 2499 subscribers get 2 tickets each for both the R3Hab and Porter Robinson gigs and the December 19 Republiq party of Australia's hottest DJ remixer and record producer Dirty South capping the year in the most spectacular beats and the hippest parties Tattoo is known for.

Tattoo Black boasts of the fastest speed and comes with unparalleled customer service. Fired up by Tattoo, the back-to-back recipient of the prestigious Frost & Sullivan award as the Philippines' Broadband Service Provider of the Year for 2011 and 2012, Tattoo Black completely redefines the subscriber's broadband experience.

Tattoo Black is initially available at the Globe stores in Rockwell, Greenbelt 4, Ayala Triangle, SM Makati and Glorietta 3. Key commercial and residential areas in Makati are the first to enjoy the speed and reliability of Globe 4G LTE.

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LIFESTYLE Arts&Books



Politics and business, sex and violence, wrestling and the Pulitzers–all of this and more at the Singapore Writers Festival

By Lito B. Zulueta

AT THE 2012 Singapore Writers Festival (SWF), politics and business, sex and violence, wrestling and the prize Pulitzer do mix.

A panel discussed the politics and business of book-selling and winning book prizes, while another featured Malaysian Marina Mahathir and Singapore's Catherine Lim discussing whether efficiency was worth the sacrifice of political freedoms, traditionally a taboo subject in Southeast Asia with its history of regimes of tight political control.

Just as taboo was sex, which surprisingly had a whole series of panel discussions this year at SWF. Violence also reared its ugly but highly entertaining and profitable head: Sensational professional wrestler Mick Foley drew adoring crowds who queued patiently to have him sign copies of his memoirs about his fighting years and his action-packed fiction were peopled.

Meanwhile, British biographer Paul French had revived the "nonfiction novel" of Truman Capote in "Midnight in Peking," his powerful recreation of 1937 Peking and the murder of Pamela Werner, the daughter of a former British consul to China, as Japanese troops occupy Manchuria and prepare for the bloody conquest of Asia.

American novelist Michael Cunningham, hemmed by supersensitive fans, found a different sort of storm when he was questioned by festival audiences about the non-awarding of the Pulitzer Prize for the novel this year, in which as juror he had helped prepare the shortlist.

With the by-now familiar white tents of the Festival Pavilion set up again on the lawn of Singapore Management University (SMU), SWF once more built up its run on the need for creativity to complement business and management, the contemporary ethos of the 21st century.

New arrangements

The arts and culture regime in Singapore has been undergoing management transitions, too: A Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth has been created apparently with administrative supervision powers over the National Arts Council (NAC), which organizes the festival.

Even NAC people were visibly anxious about the new arrangement, and festival patrons and old-timers met with a mixture of bemusement and concern the news that the opening address would be delivered by Acting Minister Lawrence Wong, who had barely been in office for two days.

To his credit, Wong made allusions to the seminal texts of all time and gave assurances the literary arts would continue to be nourished and nurtured under

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FESTIVAL Pavilion at Singapore Management University

GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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PUGAD BABOY — BY PM JUNIOR



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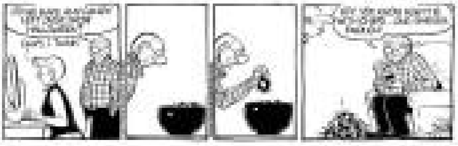
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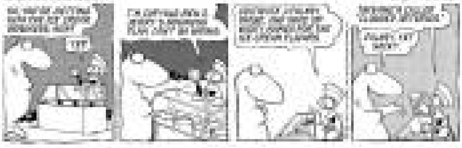
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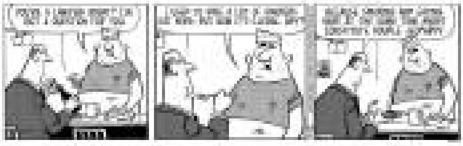
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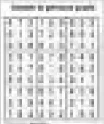
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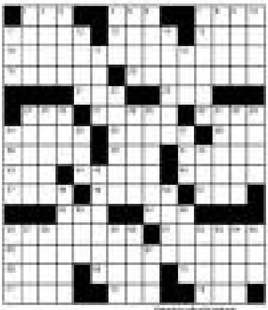
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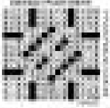


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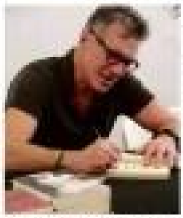




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MICHAEL Cunningham, author of the Pulitzer-winning "The Hours," signs copies of his books.



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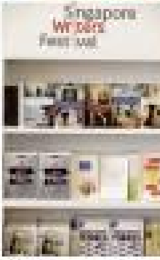
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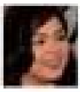
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Cunningham and the Pulitzer



Merlinda Bobis' 'Fish-Hair Woman' to be launched

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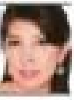




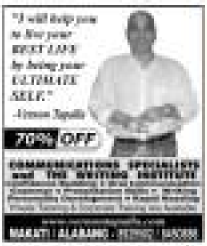
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Going int'l



History of mankind in just 12 hours

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

"IT WAS an enormous challenge to undertake such a bold idea, to tell the entire story of humanity within 12 hours," said History vice president for programming and development Dolant Hobbs in an exclusive phone interview with Inquirer Entertainment.

Hobbs, executive producer of the ambitious 12-part "Mankind: The Story of All of Us," admitted to some inevitable oversights, but insisted that certain exclusions were justified. "We focused on shared tipping points, key moments in which humanity unlocked certain powers that made us what we are today," he said.

Global endeavor

Among these "shared" moments are key inventions and transformations that affected humanity, like the harnessing of fire and the introduction of agriculture. Narrated by actor Josh Brolin, "Mankind" required an "enormous" amount of research.

"Before we started filming, we spent a year consulting dozens of leading historians around the world to come up with this list of key moments," Hobbs elaborated. "We filmed in China, Africa, the United Kingdom—it literally was a global production."

Historical consultants were present during filming to ensure accuracy.

Hobbs wanted the docu-drama series to appeal to all, not just to history buffs. "We wanted to create a very popular form of telling history. To make history come alive for people, you must recreate those moments and immerse the viewer in the excitement, the dangers and the stakes."

The makers of the series assure viewers that "Mankind" is not history as learnt in textbooks. "It's visceral, surprising and dangerous." The stories are embellished and complemented by imaginative computer graphic sequences, drawing inspiration from computer games. "We build the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal. We climb the Golden Gate Bridge, are tossed through a Roman aqueduct, we sail on the RMS Titanic."

"Mankind" premieres Nov. 14 at 9 p.m. on History. Inspired by landmark movie franchises like "The Bourne Identity," the 12 hours are broken up into six two-hour nights, each one comprised of two individual episodes strung together to feel like a two-hour movie. Each one opens with a shocking scene and ends with a cliffhanger.

In the premiere episode titled "Inventors," man becomes the dominant creature on the planet.

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"MANKIND: The Story of All of Us" on History

Love and chocolate kisses

On CinemaWorld this month are "A Piece of Love," starring Oscar-winning actor Jean Dujardin, and "Chocolate Kisses," starring Luca Argentero of "Eat, Pray, Love."

CinemaWorld is available on Cable Link, and through the a la carte subscription or the BIG Movie Package of SkyCable.



"CHOCOLATE Kisses" on CinemaWorld

5-night Christmas special

"The 700 Club Asia" kicks off the Christmas season with "Pasko sa Lang Mo Pasko" TV special, from tonight until Nov. 16, 11 p.m., on GMA News TV.

'Island of the Gods'

Director, producer and actor Sam Simon Yiu, presenter of "Hidden Cities Forever," visits Bali, "Island of the Gods." Simon leaves the world-famous beaches and experiences the people. He learns to make coffee from civet cat poo, takes on a King Cobra, tries his hands at mud wrestling and rides a water buffalo.

This feature on Bali airs on History tonight at 9:30 p.m.

Shark week

Witness more breaches, bruises and bites with all kinds of sharks in this year's "Shark Week" on Discovery Channel, which premieres tonight at 9 p.m.

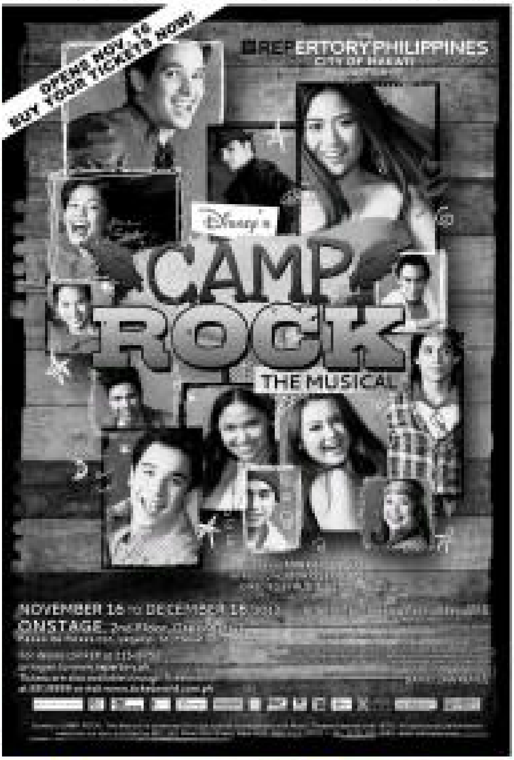
'Star Trek' marathon

Catch the legendary science fiction film franchise on Friday Nov. 16, 10 p.m., on Cinemax. Watch all 10 original installments back-to-back: "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock," "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home," "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier," "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country," "Star Trek: Generations," "Star Trek: First Contact," "Star Trek: Insurrection," and "Star Trek: Nemesis."



"SHARK Week" on Discovery







PLDT Gabay Guro's recently concluded Grand Gathering for teachers hailed as the biggest ever!

The country's biggest celebrities gathered to pay tribute to over 15,000 teachers at the Mall Of Asia Arena.











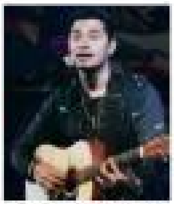
















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Joanna Ampil snags UK 'Grizabella'

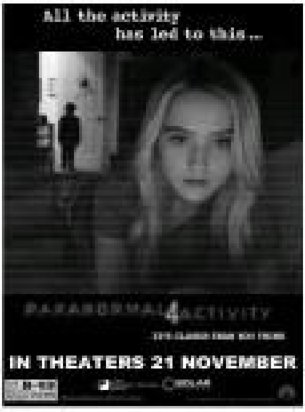
By Bayani San Diego Jr.

FILIPINO stage actress Joanna Ampil adds another iconic role to her gallery of musical theater heroines. She plays Grizabella in the United Kingdom and international tours of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats" next year.

Ampil confirmed the news to Inquirer in a phone interview.



Joanna Ampil snags UK 'Grizabella'







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From 'Caesar Must Die' to spaghetti western fete

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By Bayani San Diego Jr.



JAMES Woods and Robert De Niro in Sergio Leone's "Once Upon a Time in America" (1984)

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Matthew 10:39

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DASIA president, Glenn T. Escandor is shown here receiving the award from CPNP PDG Nicanor A. Bartolome and Police Director CSG Gil Calaguio Meneses during the recognition rites held at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City, November 8, 2012

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